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SUBJECT: WS-117L Contractor Selection Board

TO: Commander
Air Material Command
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio

1. It is proposed to convene a board at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base on 12 March 1956 for the purpose of preparing a contractor preference list for the development of WS-117L.

2. The Board will have available for its guidance contractor prepared development plans in the general form prescribed by ARDC Manual 80-4, supplementing cost and management information, and technical reports generated by the three contractors now studying the feasibility of a satellite-borne reconnaissance system (Lockheed, Martin and RCA). Prior to 12 March, the contractors' submissions will have been reviewed from a technical standpoint by ARDC Centers which have been participating in the program to date. Their technical evaluation will also be available for use by the Board.

3. The Western Development Division also will arrange for the three system study contractors to brief the Board on 12-14 March. Their presentations at this time are expected to include both technical and management aspects of their proposed programs. They will also be available to answer questions posed by the Board.

4. It is currently visualized that board membership will be as follows:

Chairman	WDZI
1 Member	WDO
1 Member	RDZI
1 Member	ARDC
1 Member	AMS
1 Member	MEPT

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It is requested that Headquarters, AMC make available an appropriate individual to represent the Commander, AMC on the above Board.

5. The Western Development Division will issue convening orders on receipt of nominations.

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